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OF THE

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AND THE

SURVEYOR AND PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

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Rural District Council Offices,
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Leicestershire.

September, 1968.

To the Chairman and Members of
the Rural District Council of
Ashby-de-la-Zouch.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I beg to present the Report of the Medical Officer of Health for the year 1967, concerning the sanitary circumstances, administration and vital statistics of the district. It has been prepared according to instructions contained in the Ministry of Health Circular 1/68, dated 2nd January, 1968.

As you are aware, your Medical Officer of Health during the period in question was the late Dr. Segerdal, who had acted in that capacity for many years and whose death took place in April, 1968, a few weeks after the cessation of his appointment with you. Nearly all the statistics presented have been derived from records kept by him. I know it was his practice to give a short, but interesting and useful, account of the general health services in the area. I understand that no changes in these took place during 1967 so that the information contained in his last Annual Report still stands and it has not been thought necessary to repeat it here. One anticipates that, if opportunity offers, further comment will, in due course, be made on these matters.

I have no doubt it would have been Dr. Segerdal's wish that thanks should be extended to Mr. Curtis, the Chief Public Health Inspector, to Mr. Farley and Mr. Batteson, the Additional Public Health Inspectors, to the staff of the Public Health Department, to the other officers of the Authority for their help and co-operation, and to the members of the Council for their consideration, and it affords me great pleasure to do this on his behalf.

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Statistics and Social Conditions.

Area (in acres).	28,267
Resident Population (R.G.'s estimate).	13,790
Number of occupied houses.	4,852
Number of occupied Council houses.	1,155
Rateable value (1st April, 1967).	£ 461,435
Sum represented by a penny rate.	£ 1,860
Comparability factor - Births.	1.02
Deaths.	1.08

Vital Statistics.	Rural District	England & Wales
Live Births.	219	
Live Birth rate per 1,000 population		
Crude	15.9	17.2
Adjusted	16.2	
Ratio of local adjusted birth rate to National rate	.94	
Illegitimate live births (per cent of total live births)	3.2	
Still Births.	2.0	
Still Birth rate per 1,000 - total live and still births.	9.0	14.8
Total Births (live and still)	221	
Infant Deaths (under 1 year)	4	
Infant Mortality Rates.		
Total infant deaths per 1,000 - total live births.	18.0	18.3
Legitimate infant deaths per 1,000 legitimate live births.	18.8	
Illegitimate infant deaths per 1,000 illegitimate live births.	0	

	Rural District.	England & Wales.
Neo-Natal Mortality rate (deaths under four weeks per 1,000 total live births).	13.7	12.5
Early Neo-Natal Mortality rate (deaths under one week per 1,000 total live births).	9.1	10.8
Perinatal Mortality rate (still-births and deaths under one week combined per 1,000 total live and stillbirths).	18.0	25.4
Maternal Mortality (including abortion):		
Number of deaths.	0	
Rate per 1,000 total live and still births.	0	.20

Births.

		Males.	Females.	Total.
Live Births :	Legitimate.	107	105	212
	Illegitimate.	2	5	7
		109	110	219
Still Births:	Legitimate.	1	1	2
	Illegitimate.	0	0	0
		1	1	2
Total Births (Live and Still).		110	111	221
Deaths.		78	58	136

	Rural District.	England & Wales.
Crude Death Rate	9.9	11.2
Adjusted Death rate per 1,000 population.	10.7	
Ratio of local adjusted death rate to National rate.	.95	

CAUSES OF DEATH AT DIFFERENT PERIODS OF LIFE.

Causes of Death.	SEX	Total all Ages	Under 4 weeks	4 weeks & under 1 year	AGE IN YEARS 1–	5–	15–	25–	35–	45–	55–	65–	75 & over
Tuberculosis, Respiratory.	M	1	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	1	–	–
	F	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Malignant Neoplasm, Stomach.	M	2	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	1	1	–
	F	2	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	1	1	–	–
Malignant Neoplasm, Lung, Bronchus.	M	10	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	2	4	3	1
	F	1	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	1	–
Malignant Neoplasm, Breast.	M	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
	F	3	–	–	–	–	–	–	1	1	1	–	–
Other Malignant and Lymphatic Neoplasms.	M	7	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	1	2	3	1
	F	5	–	–	–	–	–	–	1	1	–	2	1
Leukaemia; Aleukaemia.	M	1	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	1	–	–
	F	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Diabetes.	M	1	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	1	–	–
	F	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Vascular Lesions of Nervous System.	M	9	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	1	3	5
	F	6	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	1	–	–	5
Coronary Disease, Angina.	M	17	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	1	3	5	8
	F	10	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	1	3	6
Hypertension with Heart Disease.	M	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
	F	2	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	2	–
Other Heart Disease.	M	4	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	4
	F	9	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	2	–	7
Other Circulatory Disease.	M	3	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	1	2
	F	3	–	–	–	–	1	–	–	–	–	1	1
Pneumonia.	M	5	1	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	4
	F	2	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	1	1
Bronchitis.	M	6	–	1	–	–	–	–	–	–	1	1	3
	F	1	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	1	–	–
Other Diseases of Respiratory System.	M	1	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	1	–	–	–
	F	1	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	1
Gastritis, Enteritis and Diarrhoea.	M	1	–	–	–	–	–	–	1	–	–	–	–
	F	1	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	1
Nephritis & Nephrosis.	M	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
	F	1	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	1	–	–
Congenital Malformations.	M	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
	F	1	1	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Other Defined and Ill-defined Diseases.	M	5	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	1	2	2
	F	8	1	–	–	–	1	–	–	–	2	–	4
Motor Vehicle Accidents.	M	2	–	–	–	–	–	1	–	1	–	–	–
	F	1	–	–	–		1	–	–	–	–	–	–
All other accidents.	M	2	–	–	–	–	–	–	1	–	–	–	1
	F	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Suicide.	M	1	–	–	–	–	1	–	–	–	–	–	–
	F	1	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	1	–	–	–
Total all causes.	M	78	1	1	–	–	1	1	2	6	16	19	31
	F	58	2	–	–	–	3	–	2	5	9	10	27
Total both sexes.		136	3	1	–	–	4	1	4	11	25	29	58

PREVALENCE OF, AND CONTROL OVER, INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

Infectious Diseases during 1967.

Disease.	Final Number after Correction.	Total Deaths.
Scarlet Fever.	-	-
Whooping Cough.	9	-
Puerperal Pyrexia.	-	-
Measles.	115	-
Pneumonia.	-	7
Respiratory Tuberculosis.	2	1
Other Tuberculosis.	1	-
Totals.	127	8

Analysis under Age Groups According to Registrar General's Return 118

Age Group.	Whooping Cough. M.	Whooping Cough. F.	Measles. M.	Measles. F.
Under 1 year.	2	-	3	2
1 to 2	1	-	7	4
2 to 3	-	-	12	4
3 to 4	2	1	8	5
4 to 5	-	-	8	3
5 to 9	1	2	30	28
10 to 14	-	-	-	1
15 to 24	-	-	-	-
25 and over.	-	-	-	-
Totals.	6	3	68	47
Totals - both sexes.	9		115	

Tuberculosis Notifications.

Age Group.	Respiratory.		Other.		Meninges & C.N.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
Under 1 year.	-	-	-	-	-	-
1-year.	-	-	-	-	-	-
2 - 4 years.	-	-	-	-	-	-
5 - 9 years.	-	-	-	-	-	-
10 - 14 years.	-	-	-	-	-	-
15 - 19 years.	-	-	-	-	-	-
20 - 24 years.	-	-	-	-	-	-
25 - 34 years.	-	-	-	1	-	-
35 - 44 years.	1	-	-	-	-	-
45 - 54 years.	-	-	-	-	-	-
55 - 64 years.	-	1	-	-	-	-
65 - 74 years.	-	-	-	-	-	-
75 and over.	-	-	-	-	-	-
Age unknown.	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total all Ages.	1	1	-	1	-	-

One death from Respiratory Tuberculosis was registered - a male - in the 55 - 64 age group.

Table showing incidence of Notifiable Diseases in each Parish during year 1967.

Parish.	Measles.	Whooping Cough.	Gastro-Enteritis.	Total.
Appleby Magna.	2	-	-	2
Bardon.	-	-	-	-
Chilcote.	-	-	-	-
Coleorton.	5	1	-	6
Heather.	22	2	-	24
Measham.	2	-	-	2
Normanton-le-Heath.	2	-	-	2
Oakthorpe and Donisthorpe.	23	3	-	26
Osgathorpe.	3	-	-	3
Packington.	7	-	-	7
Ravenstone.	16	2	-	18
Snarestone.	1	-	-	1
Staunton Harold.	5	-	-	5
Stretton-en-le-Field.	-	-	-	-
Swannington.	19	1	1	21
Swepstone.	1	-	-	1
Worthington.	7	-	-	7
Totals.	115	9	1	125

The following table shows the incidence of Measles in each Parish Monthly.

Year 1967	Appleby Magna.	Bardon.	Chilcote.	Coleorton.	Heather.	Measham.	Normanton-le-Heath.	Oakthorpe & Donisthorpe.	Osgathorpe.	Packington.	Ravenstone.	Snarestone.	Staunton Harold.	Stretton-en-le-Field.	Swannington.	Swepstone.	Worthington.	Totals.
January.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
February.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
March.	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	2	-	2	7
April.	1	-	-	2	4	1	-	3	-	4	-	1	5	-	4	-	2	27
May.	-	-	-	2	13	-	1	1	1	2	11	-	-	-	13	-	-	44
June.	1	-	-	-	5	-	1	16	2	1	3	-	-	-	-	-	1	30
July.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
August.	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	3
September.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
October.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
November.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
December.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Totals.	2	-	-	6	22	1	2	23	3	8	16	1	5	-	19	-	7	115

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SURVEYOR AND PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR.

To the Chairman and Members of
the Rural District Council of
Ashby-de-la-Zouch.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

It gives me great pleasure to present this, my 14th Annual Report, being the Report for the year 1967.

The routine work of the department continued, but again much time had to be given to remedying the effects of mining subsidence, the worst hit area during the year being the Ramscliff Avenue housing site - houses, drains, sewers and pumping station being badly affected.

Although the Slum Clearance programme, as such, is virtually ended, individual houses continued to be found which have gradually deteriorated, are unfit for human habitation, and cannot be made fit at reasonable expense. A total of 316 dwellings have been dealt with formally since we started the Slum Clearance campaign in addition to houses demolished informally.

Steady progress was made with house modernisation; with a few exceptions all owners in the district have now been written to and advised as to how they can obtain grants and loans for this purpose. Plans were forwarded to each of the owners showing various ways of modernising typical houses.

New legislation introduced during the year included the Civic Amenities Act, 1967, and the Meat Inspection (Amendment) Regulations. The Civic Amenities Act is intended to help to preserve areas of special architectural or historic value, and to improve amenities generally. The Meat Inspection (Amendment) Regulations enable Local Authorities to fix hours during which slaughtering can be carried out.

Efforts were made to improve the standard of hygiene in the various shops, cafes, etc. and it is pleasing to be able to say that there has been, over the years, a gradual and marked improvement.

A start was made on the erection of 181 Council houses at Measham. 150 of these are to be for displaced miners from the north and the remaining 31 for the general means of this district. A start was made on the erection of the boiler house for the district heating scheme.

Particulars of water supplies to dwelling houses :

Internal Mains Water Supply.		Mains water from External standpipes.		Well water supply.	
No. of dwelling houses.	Population.	No. of dwelling houses.	Population.	No. of dwelling houses.	Population.
4,798	Est: 14,000	21	Est: 63	Est: 70	Est: 200

Number of parishes with piped water supply :

from public mains : 16 from private reservoirs : 2 (1 part)

Number of parishes without a piped supply : 1 (part) - Bardon.

Water supply from Wells.

Number of samples taken for analysis.			
Satisfactory.		Unsatisfactory.	
Chemical.	Bacteriological.	Chemical.	Bacteriological.
Nil.	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.

SEWAGE DISPOSAL.

The position at the year end was as follows :

Appleby Magna.	Scheme completed for main part of village. Scheme for enlargement of pumping station deferred as this forms part of Snarestone Sewage Works extension scheme.
Acresford.	A scheme is badly needed to enable owners to modernise their houses and abolish pail closets situated immediately adjoining the back doors of the houses.
Bardon.	Scattered area - impossible to sewer.
Chilcote.	A scheme and estimates were ready for submission to the Council at the year end.
Coleorton.	Deferred indefinitely because of mining subsidence.
Donisthorpe.	Works over-loaded - work of reconstruction commenced. Three-quarters of the work completed. This included the construction of new settling tanks, filters, humus tanks, sludge beds, drying areas, pumping main and pumping station. Severe mining subsidence being experienced here, and further subsidence expected. Possible that two additional pumping stations will have to be constructed in this Village to allow for this. Severe subsidence has affected Ramscliff Avenue with the result that sewers are flat and have backfall, and it will be necessary to construct a new pumping station to replace the present ejector station. Emergency works were commenced to relay some of the affected lengths of sewer. As an emergency measure an additional compressor and electrical equipment has been installed at this station.

Heather.	Scheme completed some 10 years ago - a very strong effluent caused treatment difficulties and a recirculation scheme has been installed. A Village Plan is being prepared for this Village by the County Planning Department and will determine whether further enlargements are necessary.
Measham and Oakthorpe.	Works modernised and enlarged some 5 years ago, but very strong effluent led to a suspicion that the works were still over-loaded and investigations were carried out, confirming this suspicion. Work has started on the provision of additional sludge beds, balancing tank, etc. A new pumping station is under construction at Tamworth Road, together with a new pumping main.
Normanton-le-Heath.	A scheme was prepared and submitted to the Ministry and a public inquiry held.
Osgathorpe.	Scheme completed. The Pumping Station on Mill House Estate, Thringstone, (Osgathorpe Parish), was completed, septic tanks at these houses being abolished and the sewage pumped to Coalville Urban District Council's sewers.
Packington.	Scheme completed.
Ravenstone.	Works badly over-loaded - scheme for complete reconstruction prepared and a public inquiry held.

Snarestone.	These Works deal with effluent from Appleby Magna, Snarestone, Newton Burgoland and Swepstone, and are working to maximum capacity. A scheme for enlargement was submitted to the Ministry, but after a public inquiry the scheme was deferred. The effluent at these works improved very considerably during the year once farm effluent from Appleby Magna was taken out of the sewers.
Swannington.	Sewage pumped to Coalville Urban District Council's works.
Swepstone and Newton Burgoland.	Scheme completed.
Worthington.	Scheme completed.

Appleby Magna Brook Course.

The scheme for cleaning out Appleby Magna Brook Course was completed. In all a total of 1 mile was deepened and widened, and about $\frac{1}{2}$ mile cleaned out. Five sleeper bridges were constructed to replace old arched bridges. The road along The Lakes is, however, very low in relation to the bed of the brook and flooding along this length will never be finally abated until the road is raised considerably.

Inspection of sewers and ditches and work in hand.	78
Blocked sewers.	21
Inspections of sewage works and pumping stations.	299
Ditches cleaned out.	2
Number of septic tanks and cesspools constructed during the year.	27
Number of septic tanks/cesspools abolished during the year.	10
Number of septic tanks/cesspools in the district at 31st December, 1967.	466
Sewers relaid or repaired.	8

NEW DRAINAGE AND CLOSET CONVERSIONS.

(other than work connected with Improvement Grants/ Standard Grants).

New drainage systems laid to sewer.	2
New water closets constructed to replace pan closets.	5
Pail closets abolished.	33
Visits of inspection.	19
Septic tanks provided.	3

During the year the Council agreed that payment of £10.0.0d. was no longer an encouragement to owners to convert pail closets to water closets, especially where it is necessary to construct a septic tank, and agreed that the sum of £10.0.0d. be increased to £30.0.0d.

Closet accommodation.

Total number in district at 31st December, 1967 :

Privies : Nil. Pail Closets : 403 Water Closets : 4,498

COMPLAINTS.

Set out below are details of the various complaints which have been received, together with a table showing repairs and improvements carried out.

Dwellings rendered fit or defects remedied.	16
Complaints received.	54
Premises inspected.	54
Groundless complaints.	2
Revisits to work in hand.	157
Premises at which nuisances abated.	55
Informal notices served.	52
Drains relaid, repaired, trapped or ventilated or cleared, (does not include sewers).	24
Cesspools cleansed or repaired.	2
Chimney stacks repaired.	10
Damp walls remedied.	24
Ditches cleaned out.	3
Fireplaces repaired or new ones provided.	2
Plastering repaired.	24
Roofs repaired.	11
Offensive accummulations removed.	2
Eaves gutters repaired or renewed.	7
Floors repaired.	18
Miscellaneous nuisances abated.	12
Cellar flooding abated.	4
Fly or insect nuisances.	4
Windows repaired.	44
Smoke nuisance abated.	2
Animal nuisance abated.	1
Water closets repaired.	2
Dangerous trees removed.	5
Yards repaired.	1
Dirty rooms cleansed.	1
Doors repaired or renewed.	6
Miscellaneous visits.	117

Inspections made.

Animal keeping.	12
Bakehouses.	3
Drainage Works.	315
Dwelling Houses.	729
Food premises.	208
Refuse collection and disposal.	418
Rodent control.	3 (plus 1,966 carried out by Rodent Operator).
Shops and Offices.	95
Slaughterhouses and meat inspection.	239
Tents, vans, sheds, etc.	105
Factories and workplaces.	60
Other inspections.	1,205
	3,392

Notices.

Preliminary.	Housing.	Public Health.
Outstanding on 1st January, 1967.	-	6
Issued during the year.	-	52
Complied with during the year.	-	49
Outstanding on 31st December, 1967.	-	9
Statutory.		
Outstanding on 1st January, 1967.	-	9
Issued during the year.	-	4
Complied with during the year.	-	9
Outstanding on 31st December, 1967.	-	4

ANIMAL BOARDING ESTABLISHMENT ACT, 1963.

Routine inspections of the three licenced establishments were maintained during the year, and the standards laid down by the Act were maintained.

CARAVAN SITES AND MOVEABLE DWELLINGS.

The caravan site has continued to be fully occupied. There is little or no movement from the site by residents, and the site has in fact become, in all but name, a small housing site.

Charges at the site are as follows :

Daily tenancy	:	5/- per day.
Weekly tenancy	:	25/- per week.
Electricity supply in van	:	by 2/- meter.

Difficulty was experienced during the year owing to the use of unauthorised sites, chiefly by people who travel the country carrying out jobs such as surfacing private drives and roads. Occupying fields or hard standings, with the owners consent and at considerable financial advantage to the owner who provides almost no facilities. One case was taken by the Council before the local Magistrates and the owner of the land was fined a total of £40.

A total of 105 visits were made to caravan sites.

Total number of sites licenced : 19

PREVENTION OF DAMAGE BY PESTS ACT, 1949.

The Council's Rodent Operator was employed full time during the year - although part of his actual working time was spent in the Ashby-de-la-Zouch Urban District - an average of 8 hours per week.

Infestations dealt with	:	224
Inspections by Rodent Operator	:	1,966

The sewers throughout the district were also treated for infestation. A representative of the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food was present when this was carried out.

OFFICES, SHOPS AND RAILWAY PREMISES ACT, 1963.

Routine inspections have been carried out during the year of the premises registered under the above Act, and, generally speaking, they were found to comply with the provisions laid down. The problem of obtaining and fitting guards to meat slicing machines has now been overcome, and, in some cases, new machines were purchased in order to comply.

On August 1st, Section 5 of the above Act, relating to room space, came into operation, and this made the standards laid down for new premises applicable to existing Offices, Shops, etc.

Two accidents were notified during the year from office premises. In the first case a female typist sustained a fractured fore-arm after tripping over a mat. These mats have since been removed. In the second case a female operator of an Off-set Printing machine trapped her fingers. Following an enquiry into this accident steps were taken to modify the machine and the firm in question were requested to see that the routine for cleaning and using this type of machine was strictly adhered to.

Type of Premises.	Businesses Registered	Inspections made	Contraventions.		
			Found	Remedied	Outstanding at 31.12.67.
Offices.	1	20	1	4	-
Retail Shops.	3	63	17	21	9
Wholesale Shops, Warehouses, etc.	1	1	-	-	-
Catering Establishments open to the public, canteens, etc.	-	8	-	-	-
Fuel Storage depots.	-	3	-	-	-
TOTAL.	5	95	18	25	9

HOUSING.

New Houses.

Houses completed during the year.	TYPE.		Average cost per house excluding site works and land.	Weekly Rent exclusive of rates.
	Prefab: Permanent.	Permanent.		
By Local Authority.	-	26 houses and flats.	3 bed: houses - £2,737	£1. 16. 8d.
			2 bed: bungalows - £2,268	£1. 8. 10d.
			2 bed: flats - £2,405 (Central heating provided).	£1. 13. 4d.
Private Enterprise.	-	107	-	-
Houses in course of construction at year end.				
By Local Authority.	-	187	-	-
Private Enterprise.	-	101	-	-

Total number of post-War houses completed by Local Authority.	...	832
Total number of post-War houses completed by private enterprise.	...	805
Total number of applicants for Council houses at end of year.	...	222
Total number of applications for Council houses received during year.	...	181
Total number of Council houses in the district prior to 1939.	...	316

Total number of pre-war houses purchased by the Council and renovated.	...	19
Total number of pre-war houses purchased by the Council, but not yet renovated. ...	...	4
Total number of occupied Council houses in the district. ...	...	1,173
Total number of occupied houses in the district. ...	...	4,901

A scheme was prepared for renovation of the four pre-war houses which the Council purchased, which included the provision of bathrooms, hot water systems, internal water closets, modernisation of kitchens, new floors, windows, doors, central heating system, etc. The total cost of this work was £6,824, and of this £4,861 was estimated to be eligible for Grant Aid. At the year end the scheme had been submitted to the Ministry, but the Ministry decision regarding Grant had not been received.

New Buildings, additions, extensions, improvements, etc.

New buildings by Local Authority.	...	26
New houses by private enterprise.	...	107
New houses drained to sewer.	...	101
New houses drained to septic tanks.	...	2
New houses drained to cesspools.	...	4
New houses with water from public main.	...	133
Kitchens.	...	6
New houses with water closets.	...	133
Garages completed.	...	122
Workshops and stores.	...	4
Bathrooms and hot water systems.	...	58
Bedrooms.	...	5
Industrial buildings.	...	7
Agricultural buildings.	...	5
Two houses into one.	...	2
Offices.	...	1
Verandah, Conservatories.	...	10
Surgery.	...	1
School.	...	1
Miscellaneous.	...	7
Visits of inspection.	...	828
Visits to Council properties.	...	55

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT, 1947.

Applications for planning permission have continued at last year's high rate, 195 applications being dealt with.

BUILDING REGULATIONS.

During the year 257 applications were submitted for consideration under the Building Regulations.

LOANS FOR HOUSE PURCHASE.

54 properties were inspected during the year as a result of requests for loans in connection with house purchase, and, in the majority of cases, loans were approved. 59 visits of inspection were made.

IMPROVEMENT GRANTS.

These grants are discretionary, Councils being themselves able to decide as a matter of policy whether to make grants or not.

It has been the Council's policy to give 50% towards the cost of work eligible for grant. Almost all of the applications are from owner/occupiers.

Number of Improvement Grant applications approved.	Owner/occupied	2
	Tenanted	-
Number of Conversion grant applications approved.	Owner/occupied	1
	Tenanted	-
Number of Improvement Grants refused.		1
Number of works completed.		5
Total amount Council have agreed to pay by way of grant.		£1,200
Bathrooms.		5
Hot water systems.		4
Sinks provided.		4
Water closets provided.		4
Drainage.		4
New windows and repairs to windows.		11
New floors.		9
Fireplaces.		6
New food stores.		3
Septic tanks provided.		2

Damp proof courses provided.	2
Coal stores provided.	2
Roofs repaired.	4
Power points provided.	17
Eaves gutters and rain water pipes.	2
External paving.	1
Walls plastered.	12
Chimney repairs.	2
Ceilings plastered.	7
Pointing to walls.	2
Visits and revisits.	62
Total number of offers made since inception of scheme, (including informal offers).	355

Grants approved by Parishes.

Measham.	1
Staunton Harold.	1
Worthington.	1

STANDARD GRANTS.

Standard grants are not discretionary, all local authorities must make a grant where the property has a life of not less than 15 years. The amounts which must be given are set out in the House Purchase and Housing Act, 1959, as amended by the Housing Act, 1961, and grant can only be given in order to provide certain amenities, i.e. (a) a fixed bath or shower in the bathroom; (b) a wash hand basin; (c) a hot water system; (d) a water closet in the dwelling; and (e) satisfactory facilities for the storage of food.

Applications approved.	owner/occupied	40
	tenanted.	20
Works completed.		46
Total paid by way of grant.		£6,661
Fixed bath.		42
Hot and cold water supply to bath.		44
Water closets.		44
Wash hand basins.		44
Food stores.		22

Septic tanks provided.	10
Hot and cold water supply to wash hand basin.	35
Hot water supply to kitchen sink.	29
Hot and cold water supply to kitchen sink.	2
Visits and revisits.	289
Total number of offers made since introduction of scheme (including informal offers).	518

Letters were sent to 108 owners of property in Worthington, Osgathorpe, Packington and part of Coleorton. Almost all the owners of property in the Rural District have now been written to and informed of the availability of grants, loans, etc. for the renovation of property, and have had sketch plans indicating various ways of carrying out the work.

Grants approved by Parishes.

Appleby Magna.	1
Coleorton.	8
Heather.	8
Measham.	8
Newton Burgoland.	2
Oakthorpe and Donisthorpe.	5
Osgathorpe.	2
Ravenstone.	9
Swannington.	15
Worthington.	2

General.

A total of 276 Improvement Grants and 312 Standard Grants have now been approved to the owners of properties in the Rural District, and detailed discussions held with a further 185 owners.

RENT ACT, 1957.

Rent Restrictions Regulations, 1957.

There have been no applications for certificates of disrepair during the year.

SLUM CLEARANCE.

Houses Demolished.			
	Houses Demolished.	Displaced during year.	
		Persons.	Families.
In Clearance Areas.			
Houses unfit for human habitation.	-	-	-
Houses included by reason of bad arrangements, etc.	-	-	-
Houses on land acquired under Section 43(2) Housing Act, 1957.	-	-	-
Not in Clearance Areas.			
As a result of formal or informal procedure under Section 17(1) Housing Act, 1957.	17	17	7
Local Authority owned houses certified unfit by the Medical Officer of Health.	-	-	-
Houses unfit for human habitation where action has been taken under local Acts.	-	-	-
Unfit houses included in Unfitness Order.	-	-	-
Unfit houses closed.			
Under Sections 16(4), 17(1) and 35(1) Housing Act, 1957.	1	-	-
Under Sections 17(3) and 26, Housing Act, 1957.	-	-	-
Parts of buildings closed under Section 18, Housing Act, 1957.	-	-	-

Houses demolished for other reasons	:	18
Houses lost by conversion	:	1
Houses gained by conversion	:	-
Number of Demolition Orders made	:	8

Unfit houses made fit and houses in which defects were remedied.

	By Owner.	By Local Authority.
After informal action by Local Authority.	13	-
After formal notice under		
(a) Public Health Acts.	-	-
(b) Sections 9 and 16, Housing Act, 1957.	-	-

Visits of inspection : 58

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD.

Ice Cream.

Number of premises registered for manufacture and retail.	...	Nil.
Number of premises registered for manufacture only.	...	Nil.
Number of premises registered for retail only.	...	69
Number of samples taken.	...	28

Results of samples : Grade I : 21
Grade II : 5
2 Lollipops: Satisfactory.

Ice Cream and Lollipops are purchased from National Manufacturers, with two exceptions, - Manufacturers in adjoining districts.

Milk Supply.

Dairies (other than dairy farms) and distributors (Section 8, Milk and Dairies Regulations, 1949).

Number on Register	:	Dairies	-
		Distributors	1
Number of Inspections	:	Dairies	-
		Distributors	3

Biological Milk Samples taken by County Council.

Number of routine bulk samples taken	:	27
Results satisfactory	:	24
Evidence of living Tubercule Bacilli	:	Nil.

Bacteriological Milk Samples.

27 samples of designated "Tuberculin Tested" milk were taken. 22 were satisfactory and 5 showed Methylene Blue failure.

Meat and other Foods.

Number of licensed slaughterhouses in area	:	2
Number of animals slaughtered therein	:	1,621
Number of animals examined therein	:	1,621
Number of animals inspected at time of slaughter	:	565
Number of Knackers yards in area	:	1
Number of visits to Knackers yard	:	8
Number of visits to slaughterhouses	:	226
Number of visits to butchers' shops	:	20

Food Hygiene Regulations, 1955.

Food Premises in Categories.		Premises which comply with Regulation 16.	Premises which will comply with Regulation 19.
Number of licensed premises	46	46	46
Number of Cafes, restaurants &c..	5	5	5
Number of General Stores	46	45	45
Number of Works Canteens	6	6	6
Number of Butchers' Shops	8	8	8
Number of School Canteens	16	16	16
Number of Off-licensed Shops	3	3	3
Number of Fish and Chip Shops ...	3	3	3
Number of Greengrocers' Shops ...	3	3	3

Work in connection with the inspection of food premises continued during the year.

Number of premises inspected	:	100
Number of inspections made for the purpose	:	208
Number of informal notices served	:	20
Number of informal notices complied with	:	16
Number of informal notices outstanding at 31st December, 1967	:	19
Number of premises modernised	:	1
Number with hot water supply laid on	:	1
Number of premises cleaned and redecorated	:	5
Number of shops closed, (voluntary)	:	3

FOOD HYGIENE (MARKET STALLS AND DELIVERY VEHICLES) REGULATIONS, 1966.

The above legislation came into operation on January 1st, 1967, and is intended to raise the standard of Food Hygiene on market stalls, and vehicles which come under the heading of stalls, (e.g. mobile shops, etc.) and delivery vehicles.

Prior to the Act coming into operation letters were sent to all persons who retail food from vehicles, and by the end of the year most of the vehicles complied with the requirements of the Regulations.

THE MEAT INSPECTION (AMENDMENT) REGULATIONS, 1966.

The above Regulations came into operation on September 30th, 1966, and the owners of both slaughterhouses in the district were consulted regarding the control of the hours of slaughter. The Council decided that slaughtering hours should be limited to 7.30 a.m. to 5.30 p.m., Mondays to Fridays only. An appeal was made by one of the butchers to the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food. The Ministry upheld the Council's decision.

MEAT INSPECTION - CARCASES INSPECTED AND CONDEMNED.

There has been a considerable reduction in the number of pigs slaughtered. This is due to one of the butchers having difficulty in getting staff during the early part of the year, and the outbreak of Foot and Mouth Disease was a contributory factor.

	Cattle excluding Cows.	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs
Number killed.	406	-	-	1,215	10
Number inspected.	406	-	-	1,215	10
All diseases except Tuberculosis and Cysticerci.					
Whole carcases condemned.	-	-	-	-	-
Carcases of which some part or organ condemned.	56	-	-	39	-
Percentage of number inspected affected with diseases other than Tuberculosis and Cysticerci.	13.79%	-	-	3.2%	-
Tuberculosis only.					
Whole carcases condemned.	-	-	-	-	-
Carcases of which some part or organ condemned.	-	-	-	-	-
Percentage of number inspected affected with Tuberculosis.	-	-	-	-	-
Cysticercosis.					
Carcases of which some part or organ condemned.	-	-	-	-	-
Carcases submitted to treatment by refrigeration.	-	-	-	-	-
Generalised and total condemned.	-	-	-	-	-

FACTORIES ACT, 1961.

Part 1 of the Act.

Inspections for purposes of provision as to Health (including inspections made by Public Health Inspectors).

	No. on Register	No. of Inspections	Written Notices
(ii) Factories in which Sections 7 is enforced by the Local Authority.	31	33	-
(iii) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority.	14	27	-
	45	60	

	No. of cases in which defects were found.		
	Found.	Remedied.	Referred by H.M. Inspector.
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7.)	3	3	-

Part VIII of the Act.

	Number of Outworkers in August list required by Section 111 (1) (c).
Outworkers (Sections 110 and 111)	
Wearing apparel making, etc.	16

PUBLIC CLEANSING.

Tipping continued in the old cutting off Stoney Lane, Coleorton; in the Canal bed at Measham and off Measham Road, Donisthorpe.

Bins are emptied at intervals of $6\frac{1}{4}$ working days, but this period has to be extended for absence of workmen due to sickness, holidays, vehicle breakdown, etc.

Pans are emptied at weekly intervals.

The search for additional tipping space continued during the year. During the year, at the request of the Ministry, a meeting was held between this Authority and others to consider a joint scheme for burning refuse. The scheme was being promoted by the Swadlincote U.D.C. and Repton R.D.C. It was agreed by the Council that they would be a member of a Study Group to consider the scheme.

The Council instructed me to discuss with any interested, immediately adjoining, Authority the possibility of a joint disposal scheme.

An area of land suitable for tipping purposes was found in the Lount area, and at the year end the District Valuer had been asked to negotiate a purchase price with the owners and an application made for planning permission. If it is finally agreed that this purchase be completed, after negotiations have been completed, the scheme would be a joint one with the Ashby-de-la-Zouch U.D.C.

An order was placed for a Dennis Paxit IIIA Continuous Loader refuse collection vehicle following demonstrations by the manufacturers of four different types of machine to replace the Karrier Side Loader on the Measham side of the district.

The Council gave instructions for a scheme to be submitted to them setting out the implications and cost of providing a weekly refuse collection service.

PETROLEUM.

Visits were made in respect of all new installations; excavations for tanks inspection; the tanks, pipe lines, etc. inspected and tested before a license to use is issued.

PUBLIC CONVENIENCES.

Routine inspections are made. There had been further minor damage throughout the year, especially during the darker evenings, but this cannot be considered to be excessive.

STREET LIGHTING.

Vandalism continued to be a source of nuisance and required the expenditure of £215 during the year.

During the year legislation required that lighting, other than footway lighting, should become the responsibility of the County Council. There was considerable argument as to what was meant by footway lighting and this had not been cleared up at the end of the year.

I again wish to thank you, Mr. Chairman and Members of the Council, for your courtesy and consideration during the year; express my appreciation for the ever ready co-operation of the Clerk of the Council, Accountant and the Housing Manager, and to thank the members of my own staff for their diligence and conscientiousness.

On behalf of all the members of my staff I wish to express regret at the loss of the late Dr. Segerdal, whose help and guidance was always so valuable and who was looked upon as a friend as well as a colleague.

I am,

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

C.S. CURTIS.

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